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## **Red Rock Canyon Hosts Harvest Festival**

**Las Vegas** – Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area will celebrate its eighth annual Harvest Festival on Saturday October 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by featuring a variety of displays and activities.

Information will be available on fire awareness, Mojave Desert plants and animals, off highway vehicle use and astronomy. Activities will include a climbing wall, arts and crafts, Native American dances and atlatla throwing.

According to Kate Sorom, a Bureau of Land Management Park Ranger, the event's primary goal is to showcase the education and recreation opportunities in the Mojave Desert. "Harvest Festival is one of our most well attended events," said Sorom. "It provides the opportunities for families to become comfortable and knowledgeable about the desert environment in a fun setting."

Last year almost 3,000 people attended the event.

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Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area encompasses 197,000 acres within the Mojave Desert and provides a 13 mile scenic drive and more than 30 miles of hiking trails. The Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center offers information about recreation opportunities, wildlife, wild horses and burros, vegetation, geology and cultural resources. In 1990, special legislation supported by the Nevada congressional delegation changed the status of the Red Rock Recreation Lands to a National Conservation Area. Entrance fees are \$2 per motorcycle, \$5 per car and \$20 per annual pass.